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- In the second reorganization to take place since Nenni took over as Minister of Foreign Affairs on 17 October, the following will reportedly be retired: Ambassadors Ascanio Colonna, Gino Buti, Guido Rocco and Francesco Pittalis; Ministers Plenipotentiary
 Luigi Sillitti, Ottaviano Armando Koch; Ministers Pellegrino Ghigi,
 Renato Bova Scoppa, Filippo Caffarelli, Tommaso Assereto and
 Massimo Magistrati; Counsellors Guido Crolla, Piero Toni and
 Giuseppe Tommasi; Consuls General Iginio Ugo Faralli, Silvio Camerani, Luigi Arduini, Camillo Giuriati Giuseppe Serpi, Ferruccio Luppis, Lamberto Toncker, Kaimondo Carbonelli di Letino and Cesare Buzzi.
- This reorganization creates large gaps in the diplomatic ranks affected, leaving only Mario Indelli and Francesco Maria Taliani di Marchio (two out of eighteen) on the ambassadorial level.
- 3. The action is believed to be the result of the Socialist Party aim to facilitate the infiltration of party members into the Ministry and an intraministerial battle which was led by careerists such as Michele Lanza (pen name Leonardo Simoni), Mario Luccioli (pen name Mario Donosti) and others who desired more rapid advance-
- 4. With the exception of Bova Scoppa who has been before a disciplinary committee for alleged financial irregularities, the changes in the Ministry are not considered to be an epuration measure.
- 5. Despite an attempt to preserve the greatest secrecy the proposed changes have become known and have resulted in open dissatisfaction in various branches of the Ministry. In this connection it is reported that special pension arrangements are being made for those who are being retired in order to minimize the shock of the public announcement which is expected to be received very critically by the press of the Right and Center.

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6. In addition to reorganizing the Ministry on the ambassadorial and consular level, Nenni is also reported to have tried to appoint Giorgio Perticone the Avanti publicist and party oracle on foreign affairs as head of the Ministerial Committee for the publication of Italian Diplomatic Documents since 1860. This committee headed by Paffaele Guarigilia, Mario Toscano and six other outstanding Italian historians including Luigi Salvatorelli, was established by De Gasperi in the middle of September. Perticone apparently refused the nomination which was opposed by Toscano who considered it evidence of an attempt to extend party influence to a purely historical field. Toscano on 16 November, however, was forced to agree to accept Perticone as a regular member of the committee which will reportedly begin work on 23 November.

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